## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1-101. (Canceled)

102. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula:

$$R_6$$
 $R_6$ 
 $COOH$ 
 $R_5$ 

wherein n is between [[0]] 2 and 3,

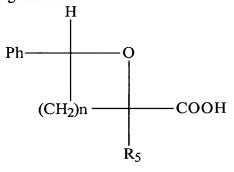
R<sub>5</sub> represents hydrogen, -CH<sub>2</sub>COOH, -CH<sub>2</sub>COOMe(-CH<sub>2</sub>COOH<sub>3</sub>), -CH<sub>3</sub>, -OH, -OMe(-OCH<sub>3</sub>) or -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, and

R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> are independently hydrogen or phenyl but may not be both hydrogen, and may be further independently -CH<sub>3</sub> when R<sub>5</sub> represents -CH<sub>2</sub>COOH or -CH<sub>2</sub>COOMe(-CH<sub>2</sub>COOH<sub>3</sub>), its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition[[,]].

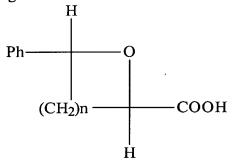
with the proviso that when n=0 and R₅ represents hydrogen, then if one of R₆ or R₆-is phenyl, the other is not hydrogen.

103. (Canceled)

- 104. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 102, wherein R<sub>5</sub> represents hydrogen or -CH<sub>2</sub>COOCH<sub>3</sub>.
- 105. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 102, including its salts and each one of its pure enantiometric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition, corresponding to the following formula:



106. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 102, including its salts and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition, corresponding to the following formula:



107. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 102, corresponding to the following formula:

$$Ph$$
 $COOH$ 
 $CH_2CO_2Me$ 

including its salts and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

108. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

$$Me$$
 $O$ 
 $CH_2OOMe$ 
 $CH_2COOMe$ 

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

109. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

$$Me$$
 $O$ 
 $CH_2OOMe$ 
 $CH_2COOMe$ 

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

110. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

Ph
$$\longrightarrow$$
 COOH CH<sub>2</sub>COOMe

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

111. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

$$\begin{array}{c} H \\ Ph \longrightarrow O \\ H_2C \longrightarrow COOH \\ H \end{array}$$

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

112. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula:

its salts, and each one of its pure enantiomeric forms or in racemic mixture or in variable composition.

113. (Canceled)

114. (Canceled)